



BE LOVED

BE KIND

BE YOU

Our Worship of God

July 5, 2020

11:15 am

Opening Song

Reckless Love

*Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me*

*O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God yeah*

*When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me*

*There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*At this time, we invite you to light a candle at your place of worship
as a reminder of God's presence with us.*

Opening Prayer (responsive)

Welcoming One,
Your warm, wide arms are always open,
drawing us into your heart full of love.

**Make our arms your own, helping us see and welcome
with compassion all those we meet.**

Amen.

Scripture Reading

Doug Clem

Luke 15:11-32

Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came

back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Children’s Message

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Sharing Our Gifts

Hymn of Praise

Your Love, O God

*Your love, O God, is broad like beach and meadow,
Wide as the wind, and our eternal home.
You leave us free to seek you or reject you,
You give us room to answer “yes” or “no.”*

*We long for freedom where our truest being
Is given hope and courage to unfold.
We seek in freedom space and scope for dreaming,
And look for ground where trees and plants can grow.*

*But there are walls that keep us all divided;
We fence each other in with hate and war.
Fear is the bricks and mortar of our prison,
Our pride of self, the prison coat we wear.*

*O judge us, God, and in your judgement free us,
And set our feet in freedom’s open space;
Take us as far as your compassion wanders
Among the children of the human race.*

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Moment of Contemplation

Let’s Break Bread Together

Noah Hartsfield, *handbells*

Song of Invitation

Come to the Table

We all start on the outside
The outside looking in
This is where grace begins
We were hungry we were thirsty
With nothing left to give
Oh the shape that we were in

Just when all hope seemed lost
Love opened the door for us

(He said) come to the table
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior
Sit down and be set free
(Come to the table)

Come meet this motley crew of misfits
These liars and these thieves
There's no one unwelcome here
So that sin and shame that you've brought with you
You can leave it at the door
And let mercy draw you near

To the thief and to the doubter
To the hero and the coward
To the pris'ner and the soldier
To the young and to the older
All who hunger all who thirst
All the last and all the first
All the paupers and the princes
All who've failed you've been forgiven
All who dream and all who suffer
All who've loved and lost another
All the chained and all the free
All who follow all who lead
Anyone who's been let down
All the lost you have been found
All who've been labeled right or wrong
To ev'ryone who hears this song

Woah sit down and be set free
Come to the table
Come to the table
Just sit down and rest awhile
Just sit down and rest awhile
Come to the table

Communion

Hymn of Response

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Love divine, all loves excelling
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

Lord, I Want to Be Christian
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Keveren

Worship Notes

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Thank you for worshiping with us today! If you wish to share this worship experience with a neighbor, the service is broadcast live, and the sermon is available on our website within a week.

Week at a Glance

Monday, July 6

5:30 pm Virtual Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 7

1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call

4:00 pm Compassion Camp Bible Study

Children's Online Zoom call with Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Wednesday, July 8

12:00 pm Zoom at Noon

Online Zoom call with Pastor Carol McEntyre

6:00 pm The Calling Online

Online Zoom meeting with Pastor Michael McEntyre

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Check-in

Online Zoom meeting with Noah Hartsfield

Sunday, July 12

10:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Study and Small Groups

Online Zoom Churchwide Bible Study

11:15 am Online Worship Service

Stream the worship service by clicking "Watch Us Live" from link at the top of our website

2:30 pm Awakening Praise Band Gathering

Information regarding Zoom meetings
is available on our website:
www.fbc-columbia.org
Go to: "Get Involved" tab
and then click "Online Gatherings"

Announcements

Stay Connected

During this period of physical distancing, we believe it is important to stay connected as a church family. First Baptist is offering several opportunities to connect throughout the week. More information can be found at <http://fbc-columbia.org/get-involved/online-gatherings/> and an email with all of the links will be sent out this week. Below is a list of the online gatherings being offered this week. If you have any questions about any of the gatherings, contact Brittany, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation.

- Sunday
 - 10:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 - 10:15 am Connections Small Group
 - 10:15 am Discussions Class
 - 10:15 am Youth Small Group
 - 2:30 pm Awakening Praise Band Gathering

- Tuesday
 - 1:00 pm Crafty Critters
 - 4:00 pm Compassion Camp Bible Study

- Wednesday
 - 12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol
 - 6:00 pm The Calling Online
 - 6:30 pm Chancel Bells Weekly Gathering

Visitors and Prayer Requests

If you are visiting with us online, we are so glad to have you with us! If you would like to receive more information about First Baptist and our ministries, let us know you are with us today by texting “guest” to 573-326-9490.

If you are in need of prayer, text “prayer” to 573-326-9490 and Brittany, our Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation will connect with you.

Hymn Sing in Honor of Marques J. Ruff

On Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00 p.m. we will gather on the front lawn at the church for a hymn sing in honor of Marques J. Ruff. Since August of 2019, Marques has served as our Interim Director of Traditional Music. We are so grateful for his ministry among us and want to wish him well. In order to take the necessary precautions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, we are asking that all in attendance wear a mask. If you don't have a mask, one will be provided for you. We are also asking you to bring your own lawn chair. If you cannot make it to the Hymn Sing, you can send a card to the church office at 1112 East Broadway. Marques' last Sunday leading us in worship will be July 26.

New Sermon Series – July 5

On Sunday, July 5 we are beginning a new sermon series on Compassion. The sermon series coincides with Compassion Camp, our virtual, at-home children's ministry VBS or Kids Camp for the summer where kids and their families are exploring what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves, and the world.

Compassion Camp utilizes a very simple definition of compassion: I see your hurt, I feel your hurt with you and I'll work to ease your hurt. It is a reminder that compassion is rooted in a Latin word meaning "co-suffering." Compassion is seeing someone who is hurting and practicing empathy. However, we know that as followers of Jesus, empathy is not enough. Compassion, rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ, must move us toward action, toward alleviating suffering. The Bible does not just call us to believe in the faith, but to act on it. We are all sent by Jesus into the world to work for the good of the world. Throughout this series, we will be exploring different places in our lives where we might cultivate compassion.

The Color of Compromise Study Expands and Resumes

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, a small group was meeting to talk about *The Color of Compromise* a book and video study by Jemar Tisby, which takes readers on a historical journey: from America's early colonial days through slavery and the Civil War, covering the tragedy of Jim Crow laws and the victories of the Civil Rights era, to today's Black Lives Matter movement. Author Jemar Tisby reveals the obvious—and the far more subtle—ways the American church has compromised what the Bible teaches about human dignity and equality.

Tisby uncovers the roots of sustained injustice in the American church, highlighting the cultural and institutional tables that need to be turned in order to bring about real and lasting progress between black and white people. Through a story-driven survey of American Christianity's racial past, he exposes the concrete and chilling ways people of faith have actively worked against racial justice, as well as the deafening silence of the white evangelical majority. Tisby shows that while there has been progress in fighting racism, historically the majority of the American church has failed to speak out against this evil. This ongoing complicity is a stain upon the church, and sadly, it continues today.

Tisby does more than diagnose the problem, however. He charts a path forward with intriguing ideas that further the conversation as he challenges us to reverse these patterns and systems of complicity with bold, courageous, and immediate action. *The Color of Compromise* provides an accurate diagnosis for a racially divided American church and suggests creative ways to foster a more equitable and inclusive environment among God's people.

The group lead by Lynne Lampe and Julie Walker are planning to restart their discussion of *The Color of Compromise* in August via Zoom. They are also planning to do some research on racism in Columbia and First Baptist's response throughout the years. If you would like to join the discussion, purchase the book on your own, begin reading, then email Lynne at llampe.editor@gmail.com. To allow for maximum participation, the group is not planning to meet during Sunday Morning Small Group hour and will pick another day and time for the four sessions, to be determined by those who choose to participate.

- Session 1: Chapters 1-2 (Group introductions, book intro, Colonial Era)
- Session 2: Chapters 3-5 (Age of Revolution and Revival, Antebellum Era, Civil War)
- Session 3: Chapters 6-8 (Jim Crow, Northern Complicity, Civil Rights Movement)
- Session 4: Chapters 9-11 ("Religious right" , Racial Reconciliation, Black Lives Matter, Courage in the "Age of Now")

ForColumbia Service Opportunity - August 1

Covid-19 put a halt to our plans to return to Benton Elementary this past April to help create a new outdoor learning classroom for the students. However, under the current guidelines for the city, we are planning to be able to move forward with this project on August 1 with a smaller team of folks following the appropriate precautions. The work will include moving some fencing and installing new sections; spreading mulch in a large area that will include several new “play elements” for this outdoor classroom; painting some of the play elements of the outdoor classroom; general yard clean-up of the property.

Shelby Myers and Michael McEntyre will be leading the work at the site. If you are in a lower risk category for Covid-19 and feel comfortable participating in this project, please contact Michael at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org to pre-register.

First Baptist Book Club – August 2020

First Baptist's Book Club has selected *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown. Austin is an activist, a writer, a speaker, and a media producer providing inspired leadership on racial justice in America. In *I'm Still Here*, Brown offers an eye-opening account of growing up Black, Christian, and female that exposes how white America's love affair with “diversity” so often falls short of its ideals. In order to give time for people to purchase and read the book, the next Book Club meeting will take place in August!

Financial Assistance for Those Affected by COVID-19

If you have found yourself in need of financial assistance in this disruptive time of a global pandemic, please reach out to any of our pastors (by phone or email) to notify us of your need. We have a Benevolence Fund, which can respond in times such as these. The Missions Council has also set aside additional funds to provide relief and the church is considering further ways in which we can be of greater assistance. Please know that all such requests are confidential. We will get through this together!